

MEXICO.

NEWS FROM THE RIO GRANDE.

DETAILS OF THE CAPTURE OF BAGDAD.

Four Hundred Imperialists and Four Guns Captured.

Bagdad Shelled by a French Frigate.

Generals Weitzel and Mejia Preparing for Action.

Deplorable Condition of the Imperialist Force at Acapulco.

DESERTIONS TO THE REPUBLICAN RANKS.

Fighting and Plotting in the Interior.

THE BAGDAD AFFAIR.

Brownsville accounts of the 15th inst. give an impartial and correct statement of the capture of Bagdad, which is as follows:—

A party of one hundred and twenty-three, mostly colored soldiers, belonging to the One Hundred and Eighteenth United States colored infantry, under the command of Colonel Reed, crossed the Rio Grande at Clarksville on the morning of the 15th instant. The first squad entered Bagdad, which they surprised, capturing about four hundred prisoners and four pieces of artillery.

The second party proceeded to the ferry, where an imperial guard of ten men were stationed. The officer commanding this guard held his post bravely, firing his revolver at the attacking party, whereupon he was shot down, and the others belonging to the guard surrendered. In this affair one imperialist was killed and another wounded.

The third party proceeded to the quarters of Col. Rice, post commander at Bagdad, and took him and those with him prisoners. Colonel Rice subsequently escaped, but was retaken.

A squad of ten men were then detailed to take the imperial gunboat Antonio, and fired on her, killing a sergeant and wounding several others. The Antonio fired at the attacking party, killing two and wounding one. The attacking party then fired two shots from a howitzer at the Antonio, one of which passed through her just above the water line.

On the morning of the 16th instant a French frigate lay outside the place. Shots afterwards were freely exchanged between the liberal howitzers on the beach and a howitzer boat from the frigate. No damage was done by this firing beyond creating a panic among the citizens of Bagdad, who crossed to the American bank of the Rio Grande, taking with them such of their valuables as they could hurriedly carry off.

A detachment of two hundred men from the One Hundred and Eighteenth colored infantry was sent over to protect the American citizens remaining in the place. This detachment continued on guard there until the evening of the 17th inst., when a detachment from the Forty-sixth colored infantry relieved them, with instructions, it is said, to withdraw in case of an imperial attack.

The French mail steamer lying outside the bar left immediately after the affair, probably for Vera Cruz. Bagdad was nearly deserted, and plunder and pillage was uninterrupted kept up by its captors. A large amount of the stolen goods were crossed over the river to Clarksville. Those which arrived at Brownsville were seized and returned to the proper owners.

After wrangling for several days with General Escobedo regarding the command of the liberal forces, General Crawford left for New Orleans (where he has since arrived), seeking reinforcements and supplies.

Small forces of liberals are fortifying Bagdad with pontoons. Three French transports arrived at the bar on the 13th inst.

General Mejia has commenced building earthworks and mounting guns, whereof two are sixty-four pounders, between Matamoros and the river, commanding Brownsville. He has notified General Weitzel that if attacked from the American side of the Rio Grande he will open fire, and that most likely some of the shots will lodge in Brownsville.

General Giles A. Smith was immediately sent over to ascertain what the intentions of General Mejia were. The result of the meeting between the two is unknown.

It is believed that the ammunition of the belligerents has been removed three miles from Brownsville.

General Weitzel has ordered the rebuilding of Fort Brown, which is being mounted with thirty-pound Parrotts. A long pontoon train is also being rapidly put in good order.

General Mejia apprehends another attack, and is making another forced loan. He betrays much uneasiness of feeling. Several of his own guerrillas, in attempting to desert by crossing the river, were drowned.

American citizens visiting Matamoros are looked upon with suspicion and United States officers are not allowed to cross the river.

On the 14th inst. General Weitzel reviewed the United States troops in Brownsville, all of whom were in excellent health and spirits.

The *Galveston Bulletin* of the 5th inst. says that an engineer and pontoon train were embarking thence for the Rio Grande.

NEWS BY WAY OF HAVANA.

By the arrival at this port yesterday of the steamer Liberty, Captain Wilson, from Havana on the 17th inst., we are in receipt of late Mexican advices received at Havana by the French steamer La France, which left Vera Cruz on January 13. *La France* publishes advices from Acapulco to December 14, and says:—

The imperial force which left Matanzas found the Fourth United States colored infantry on the river. The whole population of Acapulco had emigrated after having destroyed the wells. The troops of Alvarez mightily fired upon the garrison, and the undulating rocky ground allowed them to cause damage without being seen. The Liberal force was stationed in the harbor for some days and lost five of her crew, who, being sent on a reconnaissance, fell into an ambush of the enemy.

There was a great want of everything, and provisions were only supplied by the French navy. The troops used physicians and a battery of four range weapons employing every means to cause the desertion of our men, offering large rewards. He has succeeded in getting about thirty soldiers and some officers to desert to him. General Alvarez resides at his hacienda La Providencia, sixteen leagues from the coast. A column of five hundred Americans, marching towards La Providencia, were obliged to turn back, being attacked by Porfirio Diaz on all sides.

By the steamer La France there arrived at Vera Cruz Señor Jose Hidalgo, Maximilian's Minister Plenipotentiary to France, also Colonel Dupin, and three hundred soldiers belonging to the Foreign Legion.

There have been several skirmishes—small affairs. Of course the accounts we get show them to be victories for the imperialists. General Duval reports an engagement to have taken place at Salinas Victoria on the 26th of December, in which his forces killed six of the enemy and captured six prisoners, with arms and money, also fifty-eight horses.

The French steamer La Sonora, which plies from Vera Cruz to Matamoros, touching at Tampico, was unable to leave the malla, passengers or cargo at the two latter ports, and was obliged to return to Vera Cruz.

Three hundred men had been sent in a French mail-boat to Bagdad, and it was supposed that the imperialists would soon occupy the place.

On the 6th of January, at Cuernavaca, the Emperor released the death of his son Auguste.

His grief was the more intense from the fact that the last letters he had received from Belgium led him to hope that the old King would recover.

HEAVY FAULTURE.

Collapse of the Columbian Marine Insurance Company.

Liabilities Reported at Six Millions of Dollars.

The failure of the Columbian Marine Insurance Company was announced yesterday, and created some commotion.

The company had lost heavily of late. The following official announcement of the company was handed in at this office last evening by Mr. Henry D. Phelps, agent for the company:—

The Board of Directors of the Columbian Marine Insurance Company, in consequence of severe and unprecedented losses the past year, and parties of the company, have decided to close up the affairs of the company. They find themselves possessed of large assets, sufficient to meet all liabilities and leave a handsome surplus.

The company was one of the oldest joint stock marine companies in the world, having been organized in 1840. It possessed a capital of \$3,500,000. The latest published quotations of its stock on December 30 last was at the rate of 85¢. The company's last declared semi-annual dividend, payable on the 1st instant, was three and a half per cent.

It was stated on the street yesterday that the liabilities of the company would reach at least six millions. Many risks had been lost through the depredations of the Anglo-Berber pirate Sheendash; the losses accruing from this cause alone aggregating, it is said, over a million of dollars.

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THE FENIANS.

The Senatorial Party Under Way—Sweeney's "Address to the Fenian Men."—Ex-citing Meeting Last Evening.

The Senatorial headquarters yesterday presented a busy scene, as the secretaries have been busy with documents, which are daily increasing. Various resolutions, etc., etc., etc., are being introduced, and the adherence of some circles, district or State. The most noted of these is a telegraphic message to President Roberts from the State Council and Council of California, recently republished by the Council of the Fenian movement, entitled "Sweeney's Address to the Fenian Men," by an eminent Irish writer, who is in course of preparation, and will, it is supposed, be ready for use around the camp at the end of the month. Our blind leader in "clan" and "colle" has dwelt on the nation's sins, and while others swept fairly we sadly gave behind. We closed our eyes to the degrading cheers of the nation, and we closed the tomb into the sons of light were gone.

Along with speech and brothers, reach me down that ride. Flung down the pen; when heroic men pine and in dungeons. The Fenian men, with good red blood, should play the throne.

Public Meeting of the Constitutional Wolfe Tone Circle. EXCITING CONTACT OF THE TWO PARTIES—ADDRESS BY FRANK SENEZARIAL AND O'MAHONY SPEAKERS—CANTATA OF THE MILITARY MOVEMENT UNDER GENERAL SWEENEY.

A meeting under the auspices of the Constitutional Wolfe Tone Circle (which supports the Senate), was held last evening in Demit Dispensary, corner of Twenty-third street and Second avenue.

Major Courtney, of General Sweeney's staff, made an address in favor of Sweeney's military policy. Before the meeting progressed very far a violent interruption was caused by a large number of O'Mahony men who at this point in the evening, the Fenian men, who were present, were addressed by one of their number, and soon appeared in the hall again, where the meeting was resumed. The O'Mahony men, who were present, were addressed by one of their number, and soon appeared in the hall again, where the meeting was resumed.

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THE STATE CAPITAL.

Proposition to Improve Our Quarantine Facilities.

Assistance to be Asked from the National Government.

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